

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 6, 16-18, and 23 were considered allowable if rewritten in independent form. As previously provided, claims 6, 16-18, and 23 were rewritten in independent form and thus should be allowed. The remaining claims depend from claim 6 in independent form provided above as amended claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants believe the present application should pass to allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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